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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/31/2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 – 5, 9 and 11 – 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over H. Grey (US 2004/0203873 A1) in view of Karaoguz et al. (US 2004/0203890 A1).

Regarding claim 1, Grey discloses receiving a mobile user request for a location of a wireless network access point via a user terminal (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0035, lines 1 – 7 wherein the user requests position and/or direction to one or more nearby WLAN access points so that the user can have access to the Internet); identifying a geographic location of the mobile user responsive to

receiving the user request (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0036, lines 1 – 8); and identifying a wireless network access point convenient to the user (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0035, lines 1 – 7 and Paragraph 0037, lines 1 – 22).

However, Grey as applied above does not specifically disclose wherein the user request comprises one or more amenities including one or more of a hotel, a restaurant, a store, a park and an airport and identifying a wireless network access point convenient to the user that provides access to the one or more amenities based on stored data including the physical location or address of a wireless network and the amenities available at or near the wireless network. In an analogous art, Karaoguz remedies the deficiencies of Grey by disclosing such limitation wherein the user of the wireless device queries an access point controlling the hotspot about specific goods and/or services provided at the hotspot location located within the range of the wireless device (Karaoguz: Page 4, Paragraph 0041, lines 1 – 18) and identifying a hotspot within the range of the user of the wireless device that provides access to one or more goods and/or services including the physical location of a hotspot (Karaoguz: Page 3, Paragraph 0035, line 1 through Paragraph 0037, line 18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the technique of Karaoguz to the system of Grey in order to provide a user-friendly and effective method of providing hotspot locations as well as tailored information regarding services available at a specific hotspot within range of the user.

Regarding claim 2, Grey as applied above discloses communicating the identified wireless network access point to the user (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0038, line 1 through Paragraph 0039, line 7).

Regarding claim 3, Grey as applied above discloses locating a wireless communication signal from the user terminal (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0036, lines 1 – 8).

Regarding claim 4, Grey as applied above discloses comparing the geographic location of the user to known locations of a plurality of access points (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0037, lines 1 – 22).

Regarding claim 5, Grey as applied above discloses calculating a travel time between the user location and each of the plurality of wireless network access points (finding the nearest WLAN access point to the user, whereas in order to find the nearest the system must obviously calculate a travel time between the user location and each of the plurality of wireless network access points); and selecting one of the plurality of wireless network access points having the shortest travel time (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0037 line 1 through Paragraph 0038, line 9).

Regarding claim 9, Karaoguz as applied above discloses wherein the amenities include a type of facility and/or service available in the vicinity of the wireless network access point (goods and/or services available in the vicinity of the hotspot location; Karaoguz: Page 4, Paragraph 0041, lines 1 – 18).

Regarding claim 11, Grey as applied above discloses communicating directions from the user location to the selected wireless network access point (Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0038, lines 1 – 9).

Regarding claim 12, Grey as applied above discloses communicating information concerning services to the user terminal (nearby WLAN access points position and/or direction is provided to the user; Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0035, lines 1 – 7).

Regarding claim 13, Grey as applied above discloses wherein the wireless network is a broadband wireless network (Grey: Page 3, Paragraph 0033, lines 1 – 24).

Regarding claim 14, Grey as applied above discloses wherein the broadband wireless network is a WiFi network (802.11 is the standard for WiFi network; Grey: Page 3, Paragraph 0033, lines 1 – 24).

Regarding claim 15, Grey as applied above discloses wherein the user terminal is a mobile communications device (Grey: Page 2, Paragraph 0021, line 1 through Paragraph 0022, line 17).

Regarding claim 16, Grey as applied above discloses wherein the user terminal is a computer processor terminal (Grey: Fig. 6, element 18 represents the mobile appliance having a processor (Fig. 6, element 180)).

Regarding claims 17 and 20, the claims are interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

Regarding claims 18 and 21, the claims are interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 4.

Regarding claims 19 and 22, the claims are interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 5.

4. Claims 6, 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grey in view of Karaoguz as applied to claim 5 above and further in view of Barnes Jr. (US 2005/0136949 A1 hereinafter Barnes).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Grey in view of Karaoguz as applied above does not specifically disclose wherein calculating a travel time is based on distance and road conditions and wherein the road conditions comprise real-time traffic conditions. In an analogous art, Barnes remedies the deficiencies of Grey in view of Karaoguz by disclosing that once a PI is identified (from a user request), the information is supplied to the user as directions, the closest PI, the distance and any traffic delays (Barnes: Page 15, Paragraph 0151, lines 1 – 16; Paragraph 0154, lines 1 – 17; Page 16, Paragraph 0159, lines 1 – 15; Paragraph 0156, line 1 through Paragraph 0157, line 13). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the technique of Barnes to the modified system of Grey in view of Karaoguz in order to allow the user to judge how long it will take to arrive at the location so that the user may take actions accordingly (Barnes: Page 17, Paragraph 0169, lines 1 – 11).

Regarding claim 10, Grey in view of Karaoguz as applied above discloses wherein the user request includes a particular service provider associated with the wireless network (a request for positioning and/or directing the user to one or more nearby WLAN access points; Grey: Page 4, Paragraph 0035, lines 1 – 7).

However, Grey in view of Karaoguz as applied above does not specifically disclose identifying a wireless network access point further comprises identifying a wireless network access point provided by the particular service provider. In an analogous art, Barnes remedies the deficiencies of Grey in view of Karaoguz by disclosing a mobile terminal selecting a communication system based on availability and cost, among other parameters (Barnes: Page 6, Paragraph 0064, line 1 through Page 7, Paragraph 0069, line 22). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the technique of Barnes to the modified system of Grey in view of Karaoguz in order to effectively select a service provider based on the user needs (Barnes: Page 6, Paragraph 0065, line 1 through Paragraph 0066, line 21).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Un C. Cho whose telephone number is (571) 272-7919. The examiner can normally be reached on M ~ F 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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